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Remarks

In the subject Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5-6, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the cited patent to Winnick. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, but the issue is currently moot because Applicant has amended the rejected claims to include allowable subject matter. In this regard, Applicant has amended claim 1, from which the other rejected claims depend, to include the limitations of allowable claim 18 (which depended directly from claim 1).

Applicant has also amended allowable claims 3, 8, and 14 to be in independent form and include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has also added claim 27 to recite the subject matter of allowable claim 20 in independent form. Finally, Applicant has added claims 28-32 to claim different combinations of the claims that were indicated as allowable.

Having addressed the issue raised in the subject Action, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of same. If any issue remains unresolved, the Examiner is certainly welcome to contact Applicant at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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